

REMARKS

Claims 28, 29, 31, 32, 34-41, 43-45, 47-49 and 51-58 are pending in the application. Claims 28, 29, 31, 32, 34-41, 43 and 44 were found allowable while the remaining claims 45, 47-49, 51-58, 59 and 60 were rejected.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 45, 47-49, and 51-55 and 59-60 were rejected under section 102(b) as anticipated by Kaeffer et al (1991).

In response, Applicant has canceled these claims, thereby mooting the rejection. Such cancellation is not to be deemed acquiescence in the ground of rejection or an admission that said claims are not patentable. Applicant reserves the right to assert such claims in a continuing application.

In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, leaving only allowable claims 28, 29, 31, 32, 34-41, 43 and 44, and because there are no withdrawn claims thereby requiring no further amendment, Applicant believes that this case is now in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner reconsider the previous rejection and allow the remaining claims to issue.

No fee is believed due in filing this response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.

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